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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT: INFORMING HOST GOVERNMENTS OF RHODESIAN DEVELOP-  
MENTS

1. FCO SPOKESMAN IN LONDON ISSUED THIS STATEMENT FOL-  
LOWING LORD CARVER'S TALKS IN MAPUTO WITH PRESIDENT  
MACHEL ON JAN. 9.

QUOTE. LORD CARVER'S VISIT TO MAPUTO FOR TALKS WITH  
PRESIDENT MACHEL DEMONSTRATES THAT THE BRITISH AND UNITED  
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STATES GOVERNMENTS ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE, AS URGENT-  
LY AS POSSIBLE, THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE  
RHODESIAN PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF THE ANGLO/US SETTLE-  
MENT PROPOSALS IN THE WHITE PAPER OF ONE SEPTEMBER 1977.

WE VALUED THE PARTICIPATION OF GENERAL PREM CHAND, UNITED  
NATIONS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, IN THESE TALKS, WHICH

HAVE DEALT WITH QUESTIONS COVERED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO 415 ON THE MILITARY AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSITION. WE HAVE NOTED REPORTS FROM SALISBURY ABOUT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MR. SMITH, BISHOP MUZOREWA, REVEREND SITHOLE AND CHIEF CHIRAU. AS THE WHITE PAPER SHOWS, WE STAND ON OUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. IT MUST BE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE TO DETERMINE WHO SHALL GOVERN THEM AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

WE REMAIN FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE ANGLO/US PROPOSALS OFFER THE SOUNDEST BASIS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY SETTLEMENT TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO INTERNATIONAL OPINION UNLESS IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD WITH OUR PROPOSALS. MOREOVER, ANY SETTLEMENT WHICH FAILS TO INVOLVE ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AS ENVISAGED IN THE ANGLO/US PROPOSALS, IS UNLIKELY TO GAIN INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE. END QUOTE.

2. FCO SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TALKS BETWEEN DR. OWEN AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS, MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE. HE REPLIED THAT AN INVITATION FOR TALKS WITH DR. OWEN WAS SENT BY THE FCO TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS. A REPLY WAS AWAITED. DR. OWEN HAD INDICATED HIS READINESS TO  
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TALK TO THEM AND HMG WOULD LIKE THE TALKS TO TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS COULD BE CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE DATES AND VENUES, SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT NO DATES OR LOCATIONS HAD BEEN FIXED FOR THE TALK. VANCE

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